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Programme of work, biennial evaluation and draft work plan**Programme of work and biennial evaluation****Note by the secretariat****I. Mandate**

1. In accordance with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2016 (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120), the Working Party is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2016–2017 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation. This document is submitted in line with cluster 6: Intermodal transport and logistics, paragraph 6.1 of the programme of work 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/240, ECE/TRANS/2014/23) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 27 February 2014.

2. The present document contains the draft programme of work for 2016–2017 and relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation.

II. Programme of work for 2016–2017**A. Introduction**

3. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2016–2017 of the Inland Transport Committee's subprogramme on "Intermodal transport and logistics". The Working Party is invited to consider this programme for subsequent adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to the Inland Transport Committee and the Economic Commission for Europe Executive Committee (EXCOM) for formal approval. The Working Party and the Inland Transport Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

4. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2016–2017. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

5. The grouping of programme activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by the Inland Transport Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

6. The following clusters of activities make up the subprogramme of UNECE on transport (ECE/TRANS/2014/23):

Cluster No Subprogramme: 02 Transport

1. Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
 2. Transport trends and economics (including Euro-Asian transport links)
 3. Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
 4. Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
 5. Inland waterway transport
 6. Intermodal transport and logistics
 7. Customs questions affecting Transport
 8. Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
 9. Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
 10. Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
 11. Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
 12. Transport of perishable foodstuffs
 13. Transport statistics
 14. Road transport and Trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) project
 15. Road traffic safety
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7. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget. As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of UNECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as “additional”.

8. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

9. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in section III of this document.

10. The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2014–2015 as adopted in 2014 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2014/23).

B. Objective and strategy

11. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable development.

12. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the **Sustainable** Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2016–2017 biennium

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 6: Intermodal transport and logistics

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
1. Monitoring, review and updating of the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) and the Protocol on Inland Waterways.	Strengthened framework for sustainable intermodal transport and logistics operations and policies in the region and enhanced cooperation of UNECE member countries in addressing these issues through the exchange of experiences and good practices. This includes infrastructure and border crossing questions as well as the monitoring and updating of relevant legal instruments (AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways).
2. Consideration of measures to promote efficiency of intermodal transport as part of a sustainable transport system, including bottlenecks in intermodal transport services at the pan-European level.	
3. Monitoring enforcement and review of the ECMT Consolidated Resolution on Combined Transport adopted by ECMT in Bucharest in 2002 (CEMT/CM (2002)3/Final).	
4. Monitoring and exchange of best practices on new concepts, design, weights and dimensions of loading units used in intermodal transport in accordance with ITC Resolution No. 241 adopted on 5 February 1993.	
5. Analysis of technical and organizational measures to optimize terminal, transshipment and logistical procedures allowing for cost-effective handling procedures of loading units including the manner in which intermodal terminals work, how the freight forwarders markets work and the development of national freight and logistics materplans.	
6. Consideration of possibilities for reconciliation and harmonization of liability regimes governing intermodal transport operations in a pan-European context.	
7. Analysis of modern transport chains and logistics.	
8. Follow-up activities relating to the review and update of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in Intermodal Transport Units.	
9. Ensure increased cooperation with other sectors within transport, in particular, rail and inland waterways.	
Main actions by the Sustainable Transport Division:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as secretariat to the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics and its groups of experts. 	

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the online monitoring tool on the application of the AGC and AGTC infrastructure standards. • Where resources allow, prepare reports and studies as agreed upon within the Working Party and included in the list of publications. • Provide support for technical cooperation and capacity-building in intermodal transport and logistics. • Represent UNECE in relevant meetings of inter- and non-governmental organizations. 	

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

- 6.1 Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (fifty-ninth session in 2016 and sixtieth session in 2017) (8 meetings)

Documentation:

Agenda and reports of the annual sessions (4); a set of other documents on mandated issues, including, but not limited to, draft programme of work and draft work plan, new developments in intermodal transport and logistics, annual theme for substantive discussions, national policy measures to promote intermodal transport, liability regimes, weight and dimensions of loading units in intermodal transport, ~~revision of~~ IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo in containers, administration and updating of the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways; a set of other related documents on newly mandated issues.

(b) Publications and other information material

- 6.2 Maintenance of a web-based inventory of existing AGC and AGTC standards and parameters (1). **Studies on intermodal transport logistics.**

III. Biennial evaluation

13. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-sixth session in October 2013 (ECE/TRANS/WP.24/133, paras. 72–74), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, against three indicators of accomplishment and corresponding performance measures. In February 2014, this approach was approved by the Inland Transport Committee as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/2014/24).

14. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as well as the actual performance measures for 2014–2015 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2016–2017.

15. As the CTU Code has now been completed and the next review has yet to be scheduled the Working Party may wish to consider whether it should be kept as an indicator of achievement for the future. The Working Party may wish to consider whether to substitute it with a different indicator (for example: the number of peer reviews of national intermodal sectors).

Biennial Assessment

Review of performance measures for 2014–2015 and establishment of targets for 2016–2017

<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
6 Intermodal Transport and Logistics	Strengthened framework for sustainable intermodal transport and logistics operations and policies in the region and enhanced cooperation of UNECE member countries in addressing these issues through the exchange of experiences and good practices. This includes infrastructure and border crossing questions as well as the monitoring and updating of relevant legal instruments (AGTC Agreement and its Protocol on Inland Waterways).	<p>(a) Number of countries, intergovernmental organizations (IGO) and non-Governmental organizations (NGO) participating in the two annual meetings of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2012–2013: 26</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 30</p> <p>(b) Number of amendments as well as updated and amended lines in the AGTC Agreement and its Protocol</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2012–2013: 0 amendments</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 1 amendment</p> <p>(c) Review and update of the IMO/ILO/UNECE guidelines for packing of cargo in intermodal transport units</p> <p><i>Performance measure:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2012–2013: Completed</p>	<p>2014: 24</p> <p>2015: TBA</p> <p>Target for 2016 and 2017: 35</p> <p>2014: 0</p> <p>2015: 1 depository notification sent with 3 modifications (to date)</p> <p>Target for 2016-2017: 2 amendments</p> <p>2014: Published online in English</p> <p>2015: Published online in French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese</p> <p>2015: Web-based version created in English</p> <p>Target for 2016: Web-based version in other languages</p> <p>Target for 2017: Review of use of CTU Code</p>